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In re Application of: Wilde et al.

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For: RECOVERABLE SYSTEM FOR MOORING MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated September 1, 1999 due for response by December 1, 1999. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the claims pending in this application are respectfully requested. The Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 1, 1999 for three months from December 1, 1999 to March 1, 2000. Submitted herewith is a check for \$870.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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